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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

January 30, 2002

In the matter of the above-identified application, applicants are attaching hereto, in a form equivalent to Form PTO-1449, a listing of all the art documents of record (cited by the Examiner/submitted by applicants) in the line of continuing applications, under 35 USC §120, which are listed on page 1 of the specification, pursuant to the duty of disclosure/candor requirements . (Incidentally, concurrently filed herewith is a paper entitled "Cross-Reference To Related Applications" making known all additional series of continuing applications based on the same original U.S. application as that of the present series of continuing applications. Any additional art of record therein is also included in the

accompanying listing.) Listed art documents USP 5,895,965, USP 6,107,678, JP 9-246417 and JP 11-054534, it is noted, have later effective U.S. filing/publication dates than the earliest U.S. filing date corresponding to the present series of continuing applications. Therefore, they are inapplicable as prior art. However, they are being listed herein in order to complete the record.

This Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified continuation application and, therefore, this IDS meets the requirement pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b).

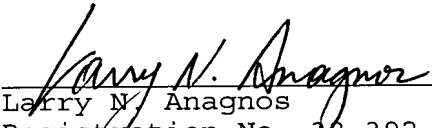
It is also understood that since copies of the listed art documents should be available in the file wrappers of the prior and related applications, copies thereof are not included herewith. However, if copies thereof are not readily available to the Examiner, they will be submitted to the USPTO upon request.

It is submitted, this IDS is in compliance with the rules of practice as well as with USPTO guidelines. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that it be entered and duly considered by the USPTO. Also, acknowledgement of such entry as well as of formal consideration thereof by the Examiner is respectfully requested, furthermore.

If any costs are due in accordance with the filing of this

Information Disclosure Statement, please charge the same to the  
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Respectfully submitted,  
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